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## ABSTRACT

A secure depository system (150, 158, 164, 180, 192) includes at least one secure depository (10, 152, 154, 160, 166, 168, 184, 194, 128). Deposits are enabled to be made into the secure depository by providing appropriate inputs to input devices (20, 22, 24) which are supported on a control panel (16). The control panel includes a processor (70) in operative connection with a data store (72). The data store includes data representative of inputs provided by authorized users who are authorized to operate the depository. Data concerning authorized users is delivered to the data store from a remote computer (174). Data concerning deposits made into the depository is stored in the data store and provided to the remote computer as well as to authorized service persons for purposes of auditing deposits made into the depository.

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